

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
October 13, 2011

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire, Don Mushin, Mark Supper. Not Present: Carol Massie and Jim McPartlin. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fabio Conti. Not Present: Fred Rosenthal, Chairperson; Patrick Olmstead, Roxanna Sassanian. Liaisons: Steve Seyler, Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, and Bill Farrar Andrews International; Deputy Rivas, LASD; Staff: Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Jose Bermudez, W Hotel Hollywood.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair John Tronson at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: No Public Comment
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee approved their meeting notes from September 8, 2011.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Seyler reported on Andrews activities for the past month. Seyler and some of the Andrews management team recently attended the Hollywood PAL Annual Fund Raiser where he was awarded best costume for the night. Andrews also donated a simulation for the auction to help benefit PAL.

As for enforcement, Andrews officers have made a combined total of 1,057 arrests this year, which has them approximately 100 ahead of last year. Seyler noted that the officers have continued to maintain a mentality of using arrests as a last option. Teams are first and foremost interested in working with individuals in the area to see if they can solve a problem. Seyler informed the committee that he has also met with various community groups including LAYN to see how their outreach staff can aid BID officers in working with homeless youth, and Selma Elementary School to see in what ways Andrews can be of service to keeping the property safe during the day. Steve reported that there is a young gentleman who has recently been photographing and videotaping Andrews officers' arrests in the BID. The gentleman known as Shawn, recently posted a video of Andrews' officers arresting a man who was blocking the sidewalk on Hollywood Blvd. Steve shared with the committee that the officers, later discovered that this gentleman had been reported missing, and that Seyler himself had received a thank you call from the gentleman's mother who was grateful for our officers finding him. The man has since been placed in rehab.

B. Report from LAPD: Joe Mariani reported that LAPD was unable to attend the meeting but that he recently attended an outreach effort with the LAPD and PATH to try and help the police department place a few chronic homeless individuals in Hollywood into services. Mariani reported that the LAPD was very happy with the effort as nine individuals came in from the streets and were able to get connected with services. Two of these individuals were veterans who had resisted services for quite some time.

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Thaddeus Smith also reported that at the Nightclub CPAB meeting yesterday LAPD reported that there has been an increase in single female crimes, especially as young women are leaving the clubs at night due to the fact that they are not able to get cab rides to their cars. BID staff will follow up with LAPD to see what can be done, as unfortunately Andrews stops patrol at 8 p.m.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Rivas said that the deployment schedule for LASD has indeed changed, as mentioned at last month's meeting. The Deputy informed the committee that now deputies will be assigned to an area for a one month period so that they get a better feel for the area and who is riding the lines. The Sheriffs have not noticed too many of the released parolees yet on the line, however there has been a slight uptick in "paper crimes." The department is currently looking into what is causing these crimes and is arresting individuals who they find in connection with them. Deputy Rivas also informed the committee that for October 31, the Sheriffs will have a strike force of 60 deputies deployed, with many focused around the Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine Redline stations.

VI. New Business

A. BID Vendors Contract Discussion: Mariani informed the committee that both the BID's maintenance and security contracts will expire at the end of this year. The staff is currently in communication with both vendors at the board's request to try and secure a one year renewal. After the renewal, Mariani said that the first contract to go up for an RFP will be the Security contract as it has not been done since 2006. The maintenance contract will then follow a few years after that.

B. Overlay District: Dan Chismire asked if it would be possible to schedule a meeting with the Council Office to see if an overlay district and ordinance could be formed by the Council to allow for stricter enforcement along the boulevard. Thaddeus Smith and John Tronson agreed that it was a great idea. Mariani said he could contact the council office to see if a meeting can be set up.

V. Old Business

A. Community Impact Team Update: Mariani informed the committee that members of the Community Impact Team recently met with LADOT to discuss solutions for tour busses monopolizing parking on Hollywood Blvd. Members of the committee and LADOT are currently exploring the option of turning Hollywood Boulevard's curb parking into a solely red curbed area, with designated pick up and drop off points for tour busses. The plan would also have designated staging areas for tour bus companies to use.

B. Homeless Outreach Update:

a. Winter Shelter: Mariani told the Committee that Hollywood would have it's first winter shelter, this year. The shelter, which is being sponsored by Gett Love will be manned with volunteers from local service providers, faith based organizations, and Churches in the community.

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b. HomeWalk 2011: HomeWalk 2011 will be taking place this November.

Committee members were encouraged to join the BID staff in walking to end homelessness or donating to support the staff's team.

c. Set Date for Potential Tour of Social Services at Blessed Sacrament: Mariani said that he and Kerry Morrison will be emailing the group to try and choose some potential dates for them to go and see the Social Services at Blessed Sacrament facility. The building's model has changed from its prior service model, and has become a true asset to the community and hub for individuals to get connected with needed services on the path to permanent supportive housing.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 10 a.m. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair John Tronson at 11:12 a.m.